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Objective:

In the “back yard” of the United States, Brazil is a rising regional power whose aspirations for great power status will strengthen or undermine international nonproliferation efforts. Due to its advanced technological capacity and complete fuel cycle, it is important to understand if Brazil will shift its international strategy from a focus on diplomacy and economic development to incorporate new military capabilities such as WMD.

The project’s aim is to increase the understanding of the regional security environment; security concerns of mutual interest; the role of Brazil in contributing to the global nonproliferation regime; and the strategic issues in shaping national policy, doctrine, and strategy in the Western Hemisphere. It will also raise awareness of the WMD threat, and ensure that the next generation’s perspectives are considered in the active efforts to counter the danger.

Approach:

The dialogue will be held in Brazil to build on the successes of the 2012 workshop. The event will incorporate U.S. and Brazilian international security, scientific, diplomatic, and policy experts to each provide a unique perspective on the changing strategic environment.